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SUBJECT: CRUISE MISSILE LIMITATION (SALT TWO-726)

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1. DELEGATION HAS BEEN GIVING CONSIDERATION TO VARIOUS FORMULAE WHICH COULD BE USED TO DESCRIBE RANGE LIMITATIONS ON CRUISE MISSILES. AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE ALTERNATIVES, DELEGATION RECOMMENDS INsofar AS JDT LANGUAGE IS CONCERNED THAT LANGUAGE PARALLEL TO THAT USED FOR ICBMS BE USED FOR CRUISE MISSILES. THAT IS, "CAPABLE OF A RANGE IN EXCESS OF X KILOMETERS."

2. DELEGATION WOULD PRESENT TO SOVIETS AND MAKE A PART OF THE FORMAL NEGOTIATION AN EXPLANATION OF "RANGE" ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE AT WHICH A TARGET CAN BE EFFECTIVELY ENGAGED BY THE MISSILE SYSTEM WHEN IT IS OPERATING IN ITS STANDARD FULL SYSTEM DESIGN MODE. THIS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT SUCH FACTORS AS THE MAXIMUM RANGE TO WHICH THE MISSILE HAS BEEN TESTED UNDER SIMULATED OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS AND THE CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF THE MISSILE SYSTEM.

3. THE DELEGATION CONSIDERS THIS EXPRESSION OF RANGE TO BE THE BEST REPRESENTATION OF ACTUAL CRUISE MISSILE CAPABILITY. TARGET ENGAGEMENT BEYOND THIS RANGE WOULD INVOLVE MODIFICATION TO THE FULLY SYSTEM DESIGN MODE OF OPERATION AND WOULD RESULT IN DEGRADED PERFORMANCE. JOHNSON

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